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**FORMER IRS EMPLOYEE SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR
CREDIT CARD FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT**

(AUSTIN, TEXAS) This morning, Senior United States District Judge Harry Lee Hudspeth sentenced **SUZETTE MICHELE GREEN**, a 40-year-old former Internal Revenue Service employee, to 12 months and 1 day in federal prison for committing credit card fraud and unlawfully using a social security number.

According to documents in the case, from 1999 through 2002, Green, who was then employed as a Tax Examining Assistant with the IRS Service Center in Austin, fraudulently used a social security number belonging to a person with a similar name – Susan B. Green – to open at least five fraudulent credit card accounts and to obtain a vehicle lease and financing, while also using variations of the victim's true name. Green subsequently used the fraudulently obtained credit cards to make tens of thousands of dollars in purchases. At sentencing, the Court found that Green had abused a position of public trust to facilitate her offenses by unlawfully accessing computerized IRS tax information pertaining to the same victim. The day after unlawfully accessing the IRS database, Green entered into a vehicle lease using the victim's name and social security number, and supplied a false financial reference.

Green was ordered to be placed on a 3-year term of supervised release following her prison sentence, to pay restitution of \$39,308.00, and to pay a \$300 special assessment to the Victims of Crime Fund.

This case was the result of a joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, with assistance from the Social Security Administration. Assistant United States Attorney Matthew Devlin prosecuted this case on behalf of the Government.

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